



2011 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

IH 06/04-2 - EUROPEAN DISCOVERY

JUNE 4 - JUNE 22, 2011

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

Depart for Rome

- Meet your delegation and board your international overnight flight to Europe.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

Rome, Italy

- Welcome to Europe! After arrival at the airport your Delegation Manager and coach driver will greet you!
- Some of Rome's most noteworthy highlights are waiting for you: your guide will take you through the Colosseum and the Roman Forum. The city of Rome, with its antique monuments and religious sites, has been recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

MONDAY, JUNE 6

Rome, Italy

- Another special part of Rome is waiting for you! "Down under" you'll visit the Christian Catacombs! Enjoy a guided walk and learn more about Rome's History. The Catacombs of San Callisto are known world-wide.
- Visit the center of the Catholic Church and the world's smallest country, the Vatican! Go in the Vatican Museums and admire the frescos of the Sistine Chapel. Wonder at the scale of St. Peter's Basilica.
- Join an educational meeting with a priest who will speak generally about Catholicism in Italy and the organization of the Vatican or with a nun who will explain what life as a nun in Rome is like.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

Volterra

- Continue with a City Quest including Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, the Spanish Steps and the Trevi Fountain.
- Olive oil is typical and really delicious in Tuscany. Learn how extra-virgin olive oil of the highest quality is made. Each phase of the production, such as the picking, washing, pressing, extraction, separation and preservation will be explained.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

Montecatini, Italy

- A guide will lead you through the narrow streets in the city of Volterra. Discover spots highlighted in the book "New Moon," like Vicolo Mazzoni or the Etruscan Arch, the gate from where Bella and Edward left the city of the Volturi.
- In Volterra, which offers spectacular views of the surrounding Tuscan hills, Mr. Fiumi will welcome you in his Alabaster Factory. Learn everything about the old tradition of Alabaster arts and the many uses of this beautiful stone.
- The suspense is not yet over: a thrilling surprise is waiting for you in the cellars of Palazzo Viti. You will be escorted underground like Bella, Edward and Alice with the Volturi.

- Get inspired by some of the best examples of Romanesque architecture in the Italian city Pisa. You will see one of the most famous buildings in Europe; the Leaning Tower.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

Padua, Italy

- Pay a visit to the Accademia Gallery, which houses Michelangelo's colossal statue, David.
- Now your guide will take you for a walk through the city of Florence, you'll pass by the Duomo and the bronze doors to the Baptistery, known as the Gate to Paradise.
- Take some time together to learn about your upcoming home stay. Ask questions and understand expectations for the upcoming days with your European families.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

Padua, Italy

- Enjoy one of life's greatest pleasures and take a ride in a gondola. While passing "Canale Grande" and narrow channels you will see the famous Guggenheim Museum, the "Fenice Theater," and Mozart's Venice Residence.
- During a guided orientation you will explore the bustling alleys, quaint bridges and narrow canals of Venice. See the Basilica San Marco and the Bridge of Sigh.
- Take part in an informative presentation about glassmaking in Murano. You will learn about each step - from the composition to the polishing of the glass. You'll be fascinated by the demonstration of the production process.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Friesach, Austria

- The picturesque town of Sirknitz also known as the "Official People to People Town of Carinthia" invites you to spend an unforgettable day in the countryside. After a warm welcome together with town officials you will get to try a very special local treat.
- Now a unique cultural experience waits for you! Learn more about the traditional life, e.g. folk dance lessons and farmers' Olympics! Afterwards enjoy a delicious traditional meal.
- Behold! A splendid evening with authentic Medieval games, e.g. Archery or Chavelot followed by an opulent knight's banquet is waiting for thee!

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Home Stay, Austria

- Together with the locals of the town of Friesach you will be part of an outstanding so-called "Castle Project" where a medieval castle is being reconstructed over a total period of 30 years without any modern technologies. You will get the unique chance to assist in this great ambition.

MONDAY, JUNE 13

Home Stay, Austria

- Today will be spent experiencing European life and culture with your home stay family.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

Home Stay, Austria

- Today will be the last day you spend with your home stay family. Be sure to let them know how much you appreciate their hospitality! Write a thank you note to leave with them or to mail the next day!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

Vienna, Austria

- Meet and take part in a discussion with a survivor of a concentration camp (Theresienstadt). This is a unique opportunity and a true honor for Student Ambassadors.
- Attend a classical concert at the Musikverein Wien

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

Salzburg, Austria

- Continue with a City Quest including the State Opera House, Albertina, Hofburg - Imperial Palace, Graben, St. Stephan's Cathedral and Anker Clock.
- Enjoy the historic Prater Amusement Park where James Bond took an adventurous ride on the giant Riesenrad (the second largest Ferris wheel in the world) in the 1987 film "The Living Daylights." If you like, take a ride on the famous Ferris wheel!
- Experience a darker chapter of European History when you visit the infamous Mauthausen Concentration Camp. Learn about the history of these camps as you delve into Mauthausen's terrible past.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

Heidiland, Switzerland

- Uncover Salzburg's hidden treasures as you explore this beautiful and historic city with your local guide.
- In Innsbruck, enjoy a unique lunch at the "Villa Blanka." At this tourism school you will learn about the Austrian Tourism School system and have the opportunity to test your skills at baking your own dessert - the famous Austrian Apfelstrudel!
- Board the ship to cross the lake at romantic Heidiland and enjoy the beautiful landscape!

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

Strasbourg, France

- Discover Lucerne, a city in the heart of Switzerland situated on a lake and surrounded by high mountains!
- Discover the old town of Strasbourg, the charm of its typical timbered houses and its famous cathedral.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Paris, France

- Explore the magnificent Chateau de Versailles, a UNESCO World Heritage site, on your own. Built during the reign of Louis XIV, the Sun King, it was the seat of the royal court from 1682 to 1789, when the French Revolution put an end to the monarchy.

MONDAY, JUNE 20

Paris, France

- Voila Paris! A French guide will now join you for an orientation of the city Ernest Hemingway called "a moveable feast."
- Enjoy a guided exploration of one of the most important art collections in the world, the famous Musee du Louvre. You will visit the principal parts of the museum - including a look at Leonardo's masterpiece, Mona Lisa.
- Visit the historic Montmartre area, a haven for artists and writers before WWI. Marvel at the white Basilique du Sacre Coeur, which is the second highest point in Paris. Take some time to discover this area's treasures in small groups.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

Paris, France

- Admire a dazzling view of Paris! There's only one place to go: take the elevator up to the top of the Eiffel Tower (899 feet) which was built for the 1889 World's Fair to commemorate the French Revolution.
- Today is your last evening in Europe! Gather for your farewell meeting! Share the best moments and most memorable experiences of the past weeks. What was YOUR favorite highlight and why?

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

Depart from Paris for the United States

- Say goodbye to Europe! Have a nice flight back home!

Important Preparatory Information:

- Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- A water bottle is highly recommended
- Climate can vary greatly during the program, be prepared for very warm and cool weather

PLEASE NOTE: This itinerary may change at any time without notice. Updated Schedule of Activities will be posted on your student's OnBoard Web Site.